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The documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 were first cited in a communication mailed November 8, 2005, in a counterpart European patent application. A copy of that communication is enclosed. Thus, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within 30 days of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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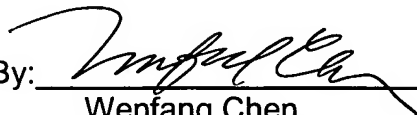
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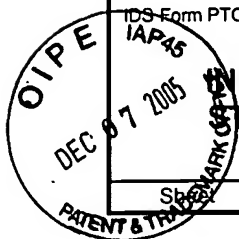
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